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FOR UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole (or joint, if more than one name appears below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMAGE DATA RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND METHOD CAPABLE OF
FACILITATING RETRIEVAL OF DESIRED IMAGE DATA FROM IMAGE DATABASE
the specification of which:

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on Jan. 9, 2002 as application serial No. 10/040379 and was amended
on _____ (if applicable).

I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-
IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY
AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I acknowledge and understand that I have a duty to disclose information which is material
to the patentability of the claims of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
Regulations, §§ 1.56(a) and (b).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of
the foreign application(s) for patent indicated below and have also identified below the foreign
applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of
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Country/International	Application No.	Date of Filing (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed?
Japan	2001-005243(P)	12/January/2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No.
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Application Serial No.	Filing Date

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